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Meeting Lincoln

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Surnames beginning with

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Mr. Howard K. Perry
Bussellon Phila Pa.

Dear Sir

Rec'd your Letter asking me about Mr Lincoln I cant Tell You much about him as I was only 8 years old and after he was elected president, And got acquainted with him under peculiar circumstances, It was a cold day in Nov. it had been raining and froze as it fell and the walks were as slick as glass, I was running north on 6th St. and as I got to the cor of Adams St. a Tall man loomed up going East I tried to stop but both feet shot from under me and down I went, He tried to stop but down over me he went He reached over with his long arm pulled me over the ice, helped me up, brushed my clothes & said Sonny are you hurt, Just then a man came along & called him Mr. Lincoln and he asked my name, and that is how we got acquainted and he always remembered me till he left for Washington.

On the back of this sheet please find a few names of persons that knew him better than I.

Remain Yours Sincerely J. C. Neuman

Ben Kelly Comm. St. Whose grandfather built
The first House in Springfield, and who's brother
died last week at the age of 98½ years.

Washington Irwin an old G.A.R. Vet. whose
family lived next door for many years

Isaac Kiser 214½ S. 6th St Who's father
ran a Drug Store where Lincoln bought his
whiskey and tobacco his friends & young Miller would
stop also & the Heart throb letters
John L. Roll Who's father was a great friend
of Mrs. 923 Havenside St

Edward Keys Pres. Ridge, Farmers Nat. Bank
neighbors of Lincoln

Robt. C. Keys Edinburgh Ill.
lived close to Lincoln Capt. Indian Brother

Want a list of people that can think of

their names

Yours

J. C. Freeman

Nicholson, J.B. Independence Hall Phila., Pa.

4509 N Gratz St
Philadelphia
February 26, 1931

Mr Howard K Terry
Dear Sir—

In reply to your kind letter of 23rd inst. I was 86 on that date and was present at Independence Hall with my Father & brother (both now deceased) before 7 Oclock A.M. Feb 22nd 1861 and saw President elect Abraham Lincoln hoist "Old Glory" to the top of the pole unfurled—

A grand and glorious sight (on a clear sunrise) the cheers were enormous from a crowd that packed Chestnut st from 5th to 6th sts from curb to curb. —

President-elect Lincoln with Mayor Alexander Henry in an open barouche drawn by four white horses were escorted from the Continental Hotel — 9th & Chestnut sts by the Mexican War heroes in full uniform with a fine band of music.

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x Alexander Henry Mayor elected for — 2 terms

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I served as a Sailor
on board the S Ship —
"Jamestown" over 3 years
the crew officers and men
was 210, of that number only
2 Survivors. viz Isaac K —
Archer and myself, he
resides in Camden N J
and was 88 Feb 16. 1931,
The only ones that I know
that saw "Lincoln" Feb 22. 1861
Chas W. Seamahey — Dpt Comdr
address G A R — of Pa G A R
— Hdqrs City Hall Phila Pa
2 = John P McCauley
4931 Hazel av Phila
3 — James B Nicholson
4509 N Gratz St Phila

Yours Respectfully
James B Nicholson

Northcott, Col. T. C.

Springfield, Ill.
after nomination - welcome

HARRY M. STRICKLER
ATTONNEY-AT-LAW
LURAY, VIRGINIA

Oct. 27, 1934.

Dr. Louis A Warren,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a picture of Luray's grand old Man. I had a talk with him and he gave me this account. I am quoting him as nearly as I can.

'I was present when Mr. Lincoln returned to Springfield, Ill, after he received the Republican nomination for President of the United States. Springfield gave him a welcome at which there were speaking and other manifestations. I well remember that Mr. Lincoln was picked up by his friends and passed to the platform in a reclining position over their heads. I well remember the look of humiliation upon his face as he was being borne along in this undignified fashion. I was just a young lad then, about 16 years old.'

I give you this statement for the reason that there are not many men living who can tell much about Lincoln, especially in Virginia. If you desire I will interview Mr. Northcott furtner.

Yours very truly,

Mayor of Luray

Northcott, Col. T. C.

Congratulations, Col. Northcott!

Col. T. C. Northcott, President Luray Caverns Corporation

Page News and Courier 9-7-34

Col. T. C. Northcott, owner of the Luray Caverns, who is at home to his friends today (Friday) on his ninetieth birthday, has had a varied and interesting life. His success and determination were foreseen by a distinguished father, a civil engineer, who in 1840 crossed from Kentucky into Illinois in a prairie wagon. James H. Northcott built the first hard-surfaced road from Springfield, Ill., to Dayton, Ohio.

His son, Theodore C. Northcott, was born in Springfield on September 7, 1844. He was attending school at the old Lutheran College in Springfield when the war broke out and in 1862 he enlisted in the Union Army at the age of 18. He served three years.

Following the war he became a school teacher and continued his education under private teachers. He graduated from the Chicago Theological Seminary and became a Congregational minister, continuing in the ministry for nine years. At the expiration of this period his orthodoxy was attacked, and despite the fact that his congregation stood by him, Mr. Northcott decided his life would be freer from contention if he resigned.

This he did, and entered business. He prepared himself for a heating and ventilating engineer and enjoyed success in his chosen avocation.

In 1900 he retired and came to Luray where a little later he bought the Luray Caverns. He built his home over the Caverns putting into practice his experience gained as an engineer. His home, the first air-conditioned home in Virginia, was built on plans designed by him. His system has been made a study by various states and a topic of study by engineering magazines.

Despite his advanced age, Mr. Northcott is in full possesion of all his faculities and is hale and hearty. Many Luray institutions owe much to his generosity and benevolence, and many acts of private charity are credited to him by those who know him.

He has one daughter, Mrs. Harry Graves, and a grandson, "Teddy" Graves. Mr. and Mrs. Graves by their gifts to the public playground and other interest show every evidence of being to Luray, what their father is—friends know them feel that their policy is—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Northrup, Edgar Johnson — Binghampton, N.Y. L. visited in home — Toledo, Ohio

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" I Saw Lincoln "

Full Name Edgar Johnson Northrup

Present Address 123 West Bancroft St. Toledo, Ohio

Date of Birth Year 1854 Month May Day 29th

Place of Birth Binghamton, New York.

Where You Saw Lincoln Binghamton, No 7 Pine St.

When You Saw Lincoln 1860 - 1861 -

Remarks:- My father Geo. A. Northrup worked in four States to Try and Elect Mr Lincoln. He visited at our house several Times and we had a photo of him with my brother on one of his knees and I on the other, my mother took this photo a few years later to a religious Camp meeting, showed the photo to some of her friends, but some one stole the picture when she was there. Respectfully yours

E. J. Northrup

P.S. The chair he sat in is still in the family.

Northrup, Edgar Johnson

Toledo, Ohio

Toledo. O. Aug 18th 1932.

Lincoln National Life Foundation,

Gentlemen,

I am now 78 years old but 70 years ago I saw Lincoln, talked to him and sat on his knee. only one knee my brother sat on the other. This was at our home No 7 Pine St Binghamton, N.Y. Where he visited at different times. My father Geo A. Northrup was District attorney of Broome County and had done political work, speeches &c, in that vicinity for Mr Lincoln, which no doubt ~~helped~~ helped to elect him.

Respectfully Yours

E. J. Northrup

123 W Bancroft St.,

Toledo. Ohio.

Northrup, Mrs. Milton H. Albany, N.Y. Syracuse, N.Y.

June 8, 1932

MRS. MILTON H. NORTHRUP
615 JAMES STREET
SYRACUSE. NEW YORK

Howard K. Terry, Esq,
Philadelphia, Penn.

My dear Mr. Terry:

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With best wishes for success in your work, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Thursday, Feb. 12, 1931

DROUTH RELIEF

Kissed by President Lincoln

Syracuse Woman Recalls Distinction

MRS. MILTON H. NORTHRUP

To have been kissed by President Abraham Lincoln! Not many women can boast the distinction. Although it all happened when she was a tiny school girl in Albany, Mrs. Northrup, of the Snowdon apartments, recalls the circumstances clearly.

Mrs. Northrup Recalls Day Lincoln Kissed Her

More than 60 years ago in the executive chambers at the state capitol in Albany . .

Blushing furiously, the tiny, pig-tailed girl scampered across the room and hid herself in a secluded corner while the gaunt man with the scraggly beard, who had kissed her a moment before, shook with the inward chuckle which rocked his lean frame.

The girl was Elizabeth McCammon. The man was President Abraham Lincoln.

Thursday, while the rest of the city paused in its daily tasks to mark the birthday of the martyred president, the girl who was Elizabeth McCammon, Mrs. Milton H. Northrup of the Snowdon Apt., drew back the curtain of time to recall the incident.

Perhaps the only woman in the city to have been kissed by President Lincoln, Mrs. Northrup remembers that her sole thoughts at the time were her great embarrassment and her chagrin that she had been kissed by the homeliest man she had ever met.

Albany was then Mrs. Northrup's home. She was but a tiny schoolgirl when the report that the President of the United States was to visit the capitol stirred the city to its depths.

Elizabeth McCammon, like the other schoolgirls of the city, was thrilled at the thought that she, too, might see the president.

Her uncle was a friend of the Nation's leader. He was anxious to have his young niece meet the president and when he went to the governor's chambers to meet Lincoln, who was en route from Ohio to Washington, Elizabeth accompanied him.

There had been a brief conference and Lincoln was receiving guests. Suddenly, he spied the bashful girl who was clinging to her uncle's coattails.

His face lighted with a sudden flash of happiness. His lined, haggard face was transformed and illuminated into handsomeness, and, forgetful of the others waiting to speak to him, he beckoned the girl towards him.

Half afraid of his homeliness, the tiny girl could not resist that sudden flash of beauty or the imperious summons. She found herself walking towards the president, drawn by his magnetism.

Lincoln raised her to his knee. She stuttered and stammered answers to his simple queries. Then, planting a swift kiss on her childish lips, the great man lifted her back to the floor, laughing at her evident embarrassment.

Mrs. Northrup is widely known in Syracuse. She served as treasurer of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs and in the same capacity at the Kanatenah Club, where she is now honorary vice president.

Nelson, William W. Rushville, Ill. speech Rushville, Ill.

William W.Nelson- 88,Rushville Illinois. I saw and partly heard Mr Lincoln when he delivered his address,in this City in October 1858.

Rushville Illinois,October 14-1932.

Mr louis A.Warren- Director-Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr Warren:

I saw and partly heard Mr Lincoln when he delivered his address from a platform erected in the Court House yard(Now Central Park) this City in the Month of October 1858. Will rehearse the occasion and should I be able to remmemberincidents in connection that will prove interesting will be glad to advise you.
I attach slip for present record.
In reply to uour letter bearing date October 12-1932. I thank you.

Very Truly,

Wm W Nelson